

SAILOR MEN ROW ON GOLD BRAID.

The First Naval Battalion Is on a Sea of Troubles.

HATS ADD TO THE STORM.

Commander Miller Wants a Gilt Stripes Down His Trousers Legs.

LIEUT. STAYTON HAS RESIGNED.

Twenty-three Men of the Fourth Division Must Report To-night, When Perchance They Will Be Disciplined.

Commander Jacob W. Miller, of the Naval Reserves, has ordered twenty-three men of the Reserves' Fourth Division to report on board the New Hampshire this evening. They may be disciplined then. They have broken all the rules of this amateur naval department by wearing sailor hats of a new pattern. Lieutenant William H. Stayton, commanding the Fourth Division of the First Naval Battalion, N. G. S. N. Y., who has been one of the Reserves' most active and efficient officers, has sent in his resignation to the Adjutant-General of the State, but it has not been accepted. Many members of the Reserves, whose five-year terms of enlistment have ended, do not again enlist. In a word, the organization is tossed on an ocean of trouble; its members are fighting, not the enemies who attack their country by sea, but among themselves, here, on dry land.

All this is not because of red tape, but because of gold braid. So say those opposed to Commander Miller. They think the Commander is too fond of gold braid.

The Naval Reserves acted as an escort to the Princess Enlille, of Spain, at the ball that was given in her honor at Madison Square Garden. They were also a guard of honor to His Imperial Highness, Li Hung Chang. Those antagonistic to Commander Miller declare that his affection for gold braid may have been stimulated by his attendance on the Princess and the Emperor. They say, too, that Commander Miller gave a certain order when the Reserves were drawn up on the pier to receive Li Hung Chang. If the order had been obeyed, the Fourth Division must have marched off the pier into the river.

The Naval Reserve Association of the United States held a convention in Baltimore last April that lasted three days. Commander Miller wished it ordered that the commanding officer of each battalion should wear on his trousers legs strips of gold braid one and a half inches wide. The convention talked gold braid until within three hours of its adjournment; then some one suggested they would better discuss the good of the service and how to promote it.

Uniform Above All Things.

It must be understood that the officers of the Naval Reserve have only one uniform, the "service dress uniform." The officers of the United States Navy, of course, have also a full dress uniform that glitters with gold braid. Lieutenant Stayton is a member of the Uniform Board of the First Naval Battalion appointed by the Governor of this State. The sailor-militiamen are relating to each other that Commander Miller went to Lieutenant Stayton not long ago to talk to him about his uniform. Lieutenant Stayton knew that the sailor-militiamen had not overheard, and that their hats were unsewerable. He had proposed a new hat, which he thought, at least—had been approved.

"I want some changes in my own uniform," said Commander Miller. "I respectfully suggest that the Reserves pay too much attention to uniforms and too little attention to drills," retorted Lieutenant Stayton.

"I want a strip of gold lace an inch and a half wide on my trousers," said the commander.

"Strip and a half of gold braid," cried the lieutenant, losing his temper.

"And a half," said the commander, corrected. "Will you give it to me?"

"Give it to you?" cried the lieutenant. "Yes, and you can stick feathers all over your head, too, for all I care."

There was an unexpected end to the story. The Reserves' training ship, the New Hampshire, which lies in the East River, at Twenty-eighth street, Lieutenant Stayton ordered those of his division who had furnished themselves with new hats to put them on—he wished to see how they looked.

They had their new hats on, obeyed him. They had not his gold braid. He promptly ordered the twenty-three men who wore the new hats to report to him.

Lieutenant Stayton promptly sent in his resignation, which Commander Miller was bound to send to the Adjutant-General, who represents the Governor.

Commander-in-Chief of all the forces on land and sea of the State, Lieutenant Stayton told the commander that, if any one was to blame, he was; not his men, who simply obeyed his order. Junior Lieutenant Maurer, who was one of the men of the Fourth Division, was told to follow Lieutenant Stayton's example and resign.

The Fourth Division is the only one in the Reserves that has been sent up to the pier to report.

It still contains a few more men. Learning of their disposition, Lieutenant Stayton wrote to his men and, in effect, told them to stick to their old hats.

Commander Miller is magnanimous.

Lieutenant Stayton would only say yesterday: "I have resigned. My resignation has not been accepted. So I cannot say a word."

Commander Miller issued a statement yesterday, in the course of which he said:

"Lieutenant W. H. Stayton has behaved with much intelligence and created a division in the efficiency of the most difficult kind of labor. Whenever there was any work to be done, about or above, and his division were always ready to accomplish it. He and the commander have, however, lately disagreed on certain points of discipline, and he has decided to resign in accordance with the commander's views. So he felt compelled to resign. After doing so he wrote a most manly letter to the commander, stating that they have from time to time suggested to the officers the desirability of making the uniform more sailorlike, and that such suggestions have been given due weight in the recommendations made to Albany."

The statement contained this graphic utterance about uniforms:

"The uniform of the Naval Militia is decided and approved by the Governor of the State. It is as simple as possible, and the commander of the Naval Militia is informed that any changes which may be made in it in the future will be made in a more nearly identical way with that of the regular service; in other words, a uniform suitable at all times for active service, with little or no change about it. It is to be said to the credit of the men that since they have worked with the regular men—wearing the same uniform from time to time—their suggestions have been given due weight in the recommendations made to Albany."

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CLASH OF THE TRADES.

Machinists Say the Elevator People Must Stick to Their Own Trade Hereafter.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY STRIKE.

One Thousand Men to Cease Work There This Morning—Trouble in Astor's New Hotel Over Imported Woodwork.

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It is claimed that 500 wooden mantels and much other material for the new Astoria Hotel have been contracted for away from New York at reduced rates.

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